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LICENCE GRANTED

The Altona Working Men's
Club has been granted a liquor
licence.

At 11.15 a.m. yesterday (Wednesday),
in the Licensing Court, Judge Fraser an-
nounced that as the Altona Working Men's
Club had proved to be a bonafide club he
approved the application for registration as
a licensed club.

The club first applied for registration in February,
1964, but withdrew this application.

A fresh application was lodged in August, 1965.

Club representatives finally appeared before Judge
Fraser last September.

However, the court required alterations to the con-
stitution and the case was adjourned until yesterday.

The brewery, which installed the bar equipment
nearly 12 months ago, has returned to the club today to
stock the bar and make final preparations for pulling the
beer tonight. The first organised function at the club
with liquor available will be the Christmas dance on
December 10.

It is now seven years since the original 24
members formed the club and set their sights on a
licensed club building of their own.

Today there are over 600 members, including provin-
cial and associate members, and they have a club
building valued at \$60,000 with \$5000 worth of equipment.

LALOR SEAT STILL DOUBTFUL

The Australian Labor Party is
quite confident Mr. Reg Pollard
will hold the seat of Lalor said
Mr. Hartley, secretary of the
Victorian Branch of the A.L.P.
yesterday (Wednesday).

Voting is close in this elector-
ate of which Altona is part and
which has been represented in
the Federal Parliament by Mr.
Pollard since 1949.

Mr. Hartley said the only
danger has been caused by con-
siderable confusion and thous-
ands of informal and donkey
votes.

However, with the large num-
ber of candidates, the A.L.P.
does not expect preferences to
be tight, said Mr. Hartley.

He said the party expects Mr.
Pollard to win by a majority of
about 1000 votes.

The Victorian Branch of the
Liberal Party is quite hopeful
of the seat being won by the
Liberal candidate, Mr. M. W.
Lee.

A spokesman for the Liberals
said it appears to them that
Mr. Lee will win Lalor.

Grass Fires

The hot days during the past
couple of weeks has brought the
usual summer problem—grass
fires.

The Altona Brigade has atten-
ded several of these fires—
mainly in the Laverton area.

Last Saturday afternoon they
extinguished a fire at the back
of Mrs. Woodyard's property in
Seves Street.

A shed and its contents were
destroyed.

RATES UP 35 per cent

Altona's rates may not be going up as much as
first voted by the Shire Council—but only half a cent
less.

The council's finance committee has
now decided that the general rate—the
rate paid by home-owners—should rise
from 10 cents in the dollar to 13.5 cents
in the dollar.

The committee—which comprised the whole
council at earlier meetings—had earlier decided that
the rate should rise by four cents to 14 cents in the
dollar.

A 4c rise would have meant
that most home-owners in Al-
tona would have to pay \$20 extra
on their rates.

The latest figure means that
they will have to face a rate
bill of \$17.50 more than last
year.

The full council now has to
ratify the finance committee's
decision at a special meeting.

This will be held at the Civic
Centre next Monday night at 8
p.m.

**Agreement took
over two hours**

The finance committee meet-
ing which finally agreed to fix-

ing a 13.5 cent rate was on
November 15. Every council-
lor was present and the meet-
ing was chaired by Cr. W. L.
J. Crofts, the councillor who
holds the Shire's finance por-
tfolio, and they took two hours
13 minutes to reach an agree-
ment.

The draft estimates of coun-
cil's expenditure and income
were tabled.

Five moves were made to cut
expenditure and one move was
made to cut the council's de-
ficit.

Two moves were made
against the library funds—
and one of them was carried.

The first of these two moves

was made immediately the meet-
ing opened.

Cr. H. W. Lee moved and Cr.
K. Jurga seconded a motion that
the provision of \$18,000 for the
Altona North Library Establish-
ment Reserve be deleted.

At that point Cr. A. J. Fisher
arrived and the motion was put.

The councillors were equally
divided for and against the cut-
ting of the library funds—but the
casting vote of Cr. Crofts, the
meeting's chairman, carried the
motion.

And the library reserve lost
\$18,000.

Fisher fails

to get seconder

Cr. Fisher then moved that
the provision for new council
equipment and plant be reduced
from \$36,000 to \$18,000.

But it lapsed because no coun-
cillor would second the motion.

Then Cr. G. den Dulk moved
a motion that the estimated de-
ficit be reduced from \$47,000
to \$30,000, but this motion, too,
was not put to the vote be-
cause no councillor was pre-
pared to second it.

Then Cr. Crofts moved and
Cr. Lee seconded a motion that
the provision for \$3000 expendi-
ture on Apex Park be deleted.

Again the councillors were
equally divided and the cast-
ing vote had to be made by
Cr. Crofts. He voted for the
money to be deleted and the
motion was carried.

Library funds

attacked again

Then the library funds were
again attacked.

This time Cr. Crofts and Cr.
Jurga put a motion that the pro-
vision for \$20,000 for library
books be struck from the ex-
penditure items.

But the motion was lost when
put to the vote.

Cr. Crofts again attacked the
estimates, moving that the pro-
vision of \$8000 for a retaining
wall in the Botanic Gardens be
reduced to \$1000.

But this motion lapsed for
want of a seconder.

Cr. den Dulk and the Shire
president, Cr. S. G. McIntosh,
then put a motion cutting the
council's contributions to private
street construction schemes down
to \$26,000.

And this was carried.

Then Cr. Lee and Cr. den
Dulk put it to the meeting that
the estimates be framed on a
general rate of 13.5 cents in
the dollar on net annual value
—and this was carried.

den Dulk moves

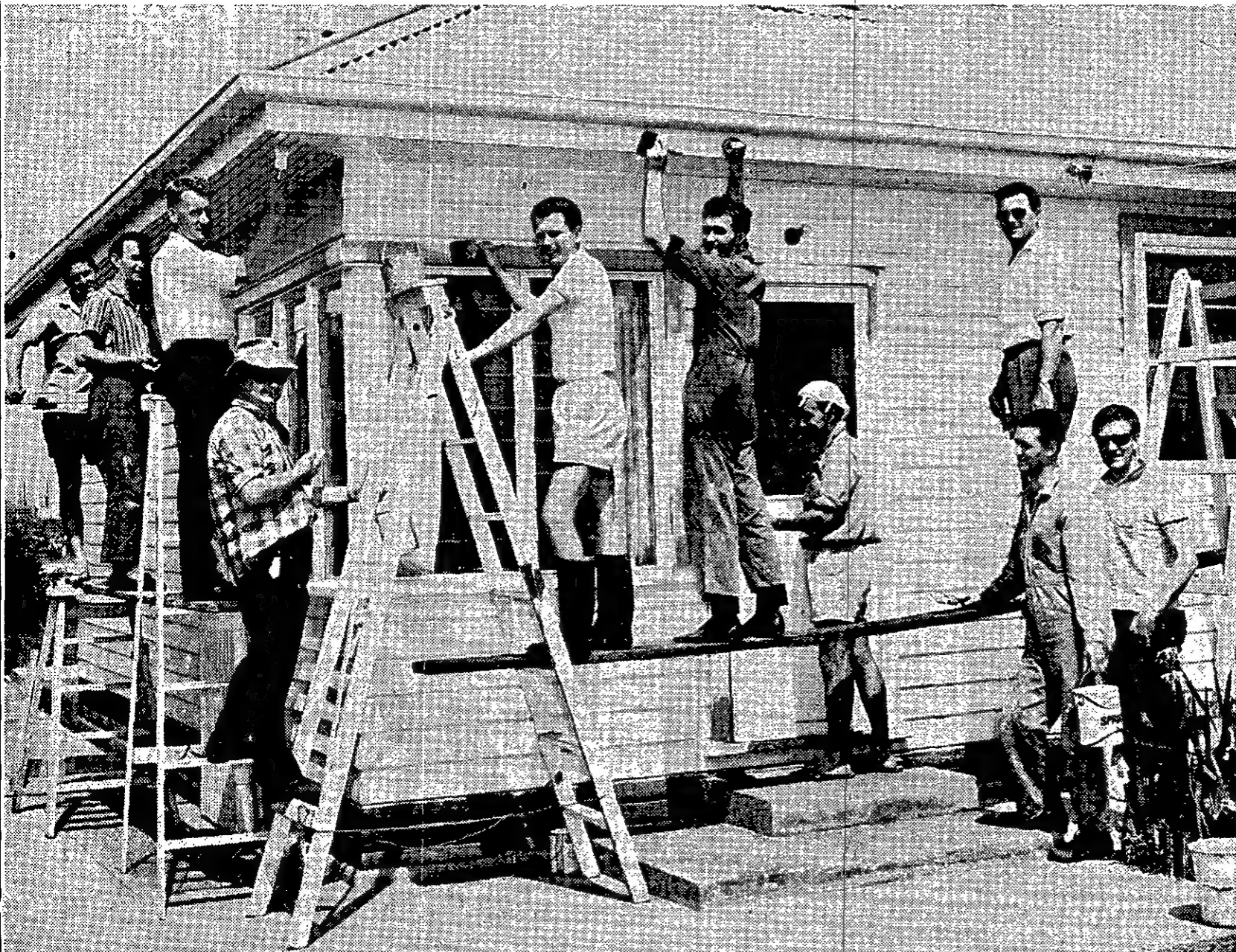
to reverse vote

At this stage, Cr. den Dulk
gave notice of motion to rescind
the resolution passed at the
special meeting of the council
on October 31 which approved
the estimates based on a gen-
eral rate of 14 cents in the
dollar.

He also gave notice of motion
approving estimates based on a
general rate of 13.5 cents and a
pan charge of \$14.35 per pan per
annum.

It was agreed that such
notices of motion would be con-
sidered at the council meeting
held last Monday, and that a
special finance committee meet-
ing take place prior to that
council meeting.

ALTONA APEX CLUB AIDS LEGACY WIDOW



These Apexians may have different ideas on mode of dress, but they all had the one goal last weekend—to paint the home of legacy widow Mrs. Isaacs, of Millers Road, Brooklyn. Members of the Altona Apex Club completed yet another of their community service projects when they painted the house in two days. This is a fine example of how Apex combines with other service organisations to serve the comm unity better, thus fulfilling the basic "ideal" of Apex, that of, "Making the Ideal of Service the basis of all enterprise."

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EDITORIAL

A BLACK MARK

On Thursday last the "Herald" published an impressive aerial photograph of the south-western metropolitan area. Its purpose was to indicate the area to be served by the Lower Yarra Crossing.

Clearly defined in the central background is a large rectangular area in black.

To many of the newspaper readers this would have been a cause for inquiry, but not to Altona and Newport residents.

The photograph was taken on a calm day. So that the black pall so evident on several days last week and this week was not seen. Only the menacing area of the briquette dump was visible.

The picture did show something else. The economic futility of this relatively large area being so unproductively used in the very midst of a region otherwise so fully exploited by industrial and residential development.

The accompanying article with the heading, "Hopes Bright in West Side," spoke of the immense possibilities of progress in the western area.

The black mark while it remains as in the picture is definitely a hindrance to the fullest development of Altona. Much has been said and must continue to be said of the menace of the dump to householders. Obviously here material and domestic progress are threatened.

Surely if the present estimate of the bridge cost (\$38,000,000) is considered essential for the development of the south-western metropolis, a much smaller sum could be found for the removal of this anachronism—the briquette dump.

Mannequin Parade With a Difference

A mannequin parade with a difference has been organised by the Armstrong Street Primary School, Laverton, Mothers' Club, for tomorrow night, Friday, December 2, at 8 p.m.

The first half of the program will be devoted to a mannequin quest when 50 or more pupils of the school will parade in their best and compete for prizes.

The young paraders will compete in five sections in each of which prizes will be awarded. There will also be an award for the best in all sections.

Sections are day wear, sports wear, teen wear, sleep wear and boys open section.

Winners will be selected by two judges from Bardot Fashions of Melbourne. In the second half two young mannequins—Linda Keane, of Altona, and Kaylene Hunt, of Laverton—will model current fashions of teenagers.

There will be an admission charge of 20c and entries for the mannequin quest are 20c each.

MARCHING GIRLS DO WELL

At Sunshine last Sunday both Laverton Marching Girls teams had a successful day.

The Midgets, "Gold Eagles," won three medals—first leader, first display and second aggregate.

The Juniors, "Hi-Fi's," won first display and third aggregate.

Recently at Burwood the Gold Eagles were selected to contest the Australian Championships, to be held in Tasmania during Easter, 1967.

Next Sunday both teams will march at Torquay.

Altona High School Mothers' Club

The last meeting of the Altona High School Mothers' Club will be held at the school on Tuesday, December 6, at 1.30 p.m.

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Education Petition Presented

The petition expressing dissatisfaction with the education standard in Altona and signed at the polling booths last Saturday by nearly 4000 Altona residents was presented in the Victorian Legislative Assembly by Cr. J. J. Ginifer, M.P., yesterday.

This action was the outcome of the public meeting convened by the Altona High School Parents and Citizens Association and held in the Civic Hall last week.

At the well attended meeting (the best attendance of any public meeting held in the past few years) parents listened to three speakers and made two decisions.

The first motion, which was readily passed, was that "this meeting considers it desirable that matriculation classes, including science and maths, be maintained at both the Altona and Altona North High Schools, but if this is not possible to maintain them in at least one of the schools in the Shire."

The second motion, which was moved by Cr. G. den Dulk, was not so easily adopted. He moved that a petition "Voicing disapproval of the whole education system in Victoria," be organised.

Immediately an amendment was suggested that the petition should be about the local standard of education and not the whole system.

Cr. H. W. Lee rose and spoke in support of Cr. den Dulk's motion, but after several minutes he was given to understand his words were not being favourably received by the meeting.

The meeting adopted the amended motion that the petition read that residents are dissatisfied with the standard of education in Altona.

This was the petition which was available for signing at the polling booths last Saturday.

At the meeting one of the speakers, Mr. Ron Reed, Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools,

said the matriculation proposal has been grossly misrepresented. He said decisions on proposals such as this year's matriculation scheme are made each year.

This year the proposal to omit maths and science at some high schools was slightly different and head masters had been invited to submit cases on the plan.

Mr. Reed pointed out that neither Altona nor Altona North High Schools had maths and science classes this year and he doubted if the students who during 1966 attended other schools were worse off.

He stressed that the whole purpose of any proposal at any time is to consider what is best for the pupil.

A disturbing factor he revealed was that although there is a serious shortage of science and maths teachers, approximately 100 students who wished to become such teachers were unable

to get into Melbourne or Monash Universities at the beginning of this year. One hundred potential teachers were lost.

Regarding next year's staff at both high schools he said Altona High is entitled to 26 teachers. Already appointed are 13 men and seven women, all permanent, trained teachers and three men and four women temporary teachers—a total of 27.

Altona North needs 39 teachers. Seventeen men and 14 women permanent trained teachers and four men and three women temporary teachers have been appointed—a total of 38.

Further appointments will be made. Mr. Reed said the ratio between trained and temporary teachers was better than in the eastern suburbs.

As a follow-up of the public meeting the Parents and Citizens Association will meet at the Altona High School next Monday, December 5, at 8 p.m. All interested parents and citizens are invited to attend.

"WEEK OF REST FOR ELDERLY CITIZENS"

This week is to be a week of rest for members of the Altona Elderly Citizens Club. No extra activities are planned.

Last week the concert by the Philharmonic Society was a treat for members who went along. Many attended the card and bowls evening held on the Friday night and 80 members were at Saturday's birthday party for those whose birthdays fell in November and December.

Only one of the four indoor bowling teams was successful.

A, B and D teams are having a lean time. The C team, captained by Ted Whelan, are bowling very consistently, having lost only one game up to date.

The Altona Elderly Citizens Welfare Committee wish to thank the following donors for their contribution towards the payment of the Commuter bus—Mrs. D. Smith \$3, Mrs. Thorpe \$1, Mrs. Peters \$1, Mrs. Holly 50c, Mrs. Selina Edwards \$1, Mrs. Grace \$1, Mrs. Wells \$2, Sister McDonald \$1.



WHAT'S BITING?

Gale force winds on Saturday, followed by a mirror-like sea early on Sunday morning, gave local fishermen their leanest catch for quite a few weeks.

The heaviest snapper reported caught was taken by Jack Lindrea, who caught five up to 20½lb. Unfortunately the largest fish was not officially weighed and so Charlie Dyke is still the leader of the competition.

Jack Lindrea's fish were caught on cutta fillets and blue bait.

Ken Wise reported a very quiet weekend with the parties he had out, only taking two schnapper to 12lb. on the Saturday and three more on the Sunday. Ken said that two of the parties he has taken out in the last week had some good sport with two big stingrays. The first, a big black ray measuring about 4ft. across the flaps, was brought to surface only to become entangled in the anchor rope and escape. The second, an eagle ray, was brought into the boat and was then released.

Sid Burgess, of Civic Parade, brought home two schnapper, 8lb. and 4lb., and a cutta about 6lb. on Saturday.

A five pound flathead was boated by Tom Hope. Tom was fishing half a mile the south side of the blinker and the flathead measured 23in. long.

Another boat was reported stolen this week belonging to Mr. Laidlaw. It was cut loose from its mooring last Friday night and as yet has not been recovered.

Local electrician Ted Franks, of Romawi Street, caught his largest schnapper last Tuesday night. Ted was fishing well past the blinker when he hooked a 14 pounder using squid for bait.

The first fish reported to us in the FRESH WATER COMPETITION for the largest fish was landed by Bob Moody, of Mason Street, Altona North. He successfully hooked a 2½lb. brown trout on a spinner. Bob was fishing in the Werribee River at Cobblecicks Ford and from our records this would be one of the biggest trout taken in this area. Bob also brought home eight redfin.

With still one day to go in the heaviest schnapper competition at the time of going to press it appears that Charlie Dyke, of Galvin Street, will be the winner of the 500 yards of nylon line, donated by Ken Kim's Pler Street Sports Store.

As announced last week a further 500 yards of line will be given by Ken Kim for the largest fresh water fish caught in the next two months, so keep those reports coming in. A phone call to the "Star" on 65-8277, or a report of your catch to Ken Kim will see your fishing story in print.

TIDES

Following are times for high and low tides at Williamstown for the week ending December 7:—

	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
November 30 Wed.	5.04	3.42	10.48	10.45
December 1 Thur.	5.44	4.21	11.29	11.18
2 Fri.	6.20	5.03	12.08	11.54
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
3 Sat.	6.54	5.48	—	12.46
4 Sun.	7.28	6.36	12.34	1.24
5 Mon.	8.03	7.29	1.16	2.06
6 Tues.	8.41	8.29	2.02	2.51
7 Wed.	9.23	9.39	2.52	3.43

FATHER CHRISTMAS AT SPOTSWOOD

Year by year Beechams have made a special effort during December to provide special Christmas treats for the children.

It's on again in the form of three special Gala Days, Saturday mornings, December 3, 10 and 17.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM NATIONAL BANK CHAIRMAN'S 1966 ADDRESS

THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK. My view is that the financial outlook in our country promises well for the remainder of the financial year. Overseas the picture is more clouded with the disturbing problem of a growing shortage of international liquidity threatening the orderly growth of international trade. Full support should be given, therefore, to our own Federal Treasurer's strong plea, made in September at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, for an early solution by the many nations concerned and the provision, as may be necessary, of adequate financial resources to cope with growing trade between the nations.

MONEY POLICY AND BANKS AID BUSINESS. A slightly higher margin of "free" funds enabled additional lending especially necessary in the drought stricken areas, and also more generally in view of the less buoyant trading conditions which began to emerge last year. The result was that the trading banks were able to extend an additional \$227m. of credit over the year to September; the Savings Banks also lent an additional \$223m. It is not too much to claim that the large financial assistance extended by the banking system has been a major factor in warding off what otherwise might have developed into a business downturn.

REVIVAL OF CONFIDENCE IN BUSINESS NEEDED. Internal business is certainly not as buoyant as it was a year ago and our overall growth rate would not appear to be as high as one would like to see. While in such conditions it is difficult to predict the outcome, there is no reason for thinking that we are about to commence a downward slide. Today, every Australian would agree that our longer-term prospects are outstandingly good. There have been individual business disasters but it is illogical and wrong to conclude from these unfortunate incidents that any general loss of confidence in business and its future is warranted.

BANK OFFERS FULL RANGE OF LENDING SERVICES. By one means or another, the Bank is now in a position to offer virtually a complete range of lending services, subject to the liquidity limitations of the Reserve Bank. A wide range of short-term capital needs can be met under our overdraft system. All types of commercial bill finance are available. Short-term and medium-term business loans, and special purpose farm development loans, are provided under our term lending system. Housing loans are provided by our Savings Bank, and we are able to cater for mortgage loans, including long-term, instalment finance, and leasing arrangements.

MORE FLEXIBILITY TO BANKS HAS BIG ADVANTAGES. Recent changes, including the establishment of the Term Loan Fund and the Farm Development Loan Fund and approval to enter into personal lending of the unsecured type, could be indicators of an important change in monetary policy which would afford the banking system greater flexibility. This should enable it to regain some of the ground lost in recent years, thus widening the area in which the Reserve Bank can influence and regulate credit policy and permitting greater access to what is on average the cheapest source of finance.

ACCOUNTS. Net profit increased by \$637,000 to \$3,309,000; earnings having increased by \$2,680,000 and expenses plus taxation provisions by \$2,043,000. An increase of \$124m. brought consolidated balance sheet assets to over \$1,265m.

Melbourne, 30th November, 1966.

J. A. Forrest, Chairman.

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SCHOLTEN-TROY WEDDING



Cutting the cake at the reception at the Savoy Plaza which followed their marriage at St. Mary's Church, Altona, on November 19, are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scholten.

The bride is the former Carol Lynette Troy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Troy, of Maidstone Street, Altona.

An "A-line" gown of crepe and French ribbon lace was worn by the bride and she carried a bouquet of gardenias and stephanotis.

The bride's sisters, Iris and Patricia, were bridesmaids. They wore full length gowns of pink crepe with lace jackets and carried snowballs of white carnations.

The groom, who is from Sunshine, had as best man Mr. Max Vogeley, and groomsman Mr. Gordon Boyd.

The mother of the bride wore a white guipure lace coat over a navy frock, a white hat and navy accessories.

As her going away outfit the bride wore a navy and green ensemble with navy accessories. The couple are spending their honeymoon in Mildura.

LADIES' GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The December meeting of St. Euseby's Ladies' Guild will be the annual Christmas party. It will be held in the Vicarage, Bent Street, on Wednesday, December 7, at 8 p.m.

Members are reminded to bring two plates.

During the evening Mrs. Lawley will be showing some of the slides she and the Vicar photographed on their trip to England and Europe just prior to coming to Altona.

Altona High P. and C. Assoc. Meeting

The usual monthly meeting of the Altona High School Parents and Citizens Association will be held at the school on Monday next, December 5, at 8 p.m.

This will be a follow-up of the public meeting held at the Civic Hall last week. All interested parents and citizens are invited to come along.

ENGAGEMENT

BATHURST-WARD

Mr. and Mrs. George Bathurst entertained 30 close friends and relatives last Saturday at a smorgasbord dinner, followed by a social evening at their home in Blackburn to celebrate the engagement of their twin daughter, Dianne Marilyn, to Richard John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. (Bill) Ward, of Blyth Street, Altona.

Dianne looked very attractive in a lemon crepe frock which had a beaded roll collar. She is wearing an elegant ring of three diamonds in a modern yellow gold setting.

Mr. David McCracken proposed the toast, after which the couple cut the cake presented to them by Richard's parents.

ST. MARY'S FETE

St. Mary's Fete will be held in the Parish Hall next Thursday afternoon, December 8, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Cakes, sweets, groceries, children's wear, pot plants, novelties, Christmas cards and Christmas gifts will be on sale.

WILSON-WALLWORK WEDDING



A honeymoon motoring in the Australian Alps followed the marriage of Mr. Harry Wilson and the former Miss Jean Wallwork at the Altona Presbyterian Church on November 19.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Wallwork, of Bayview Street, Altona.

She wore a full-length gown of white shantung which had a guipure top and guipure lace trim around the hem line and train. Her shoulder length veil was held by a coronet of flowers. She carried a bouquet of gardenias.

Matron of Honour, Mrs. Nicky Loverich, and bridesmaids, Miss Vicky Watkins, wore full length frocks of yellow crepe and carried posies of yellow carnations.

The groom, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson, of Romawi Street, Altona, was attended by Alan Purdon as best man and groomsman was the bride's brother, Keith Wallwork.

The bride's mother wore a pale green tiesilk frock with matching hat and bronze accessories.

A pale yellow suit with brown accessories was worn by the groom's mother.

Among the 100 guests at the reception in the Civic Hall were family friends from Sydney. Telegrams were received from relatives and friends in Sydney and Perth.

The couple plan to settle in Altona.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

The final meeting for 1966 of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held on Monday, December 5, at 2 p.m. in the Baptist Youth Hall.

It will be a social afternoon with the theme being "Christmas," and all ladies are welcome.

Ladies are asked to take along something to eat.

Please note that fees are now due for all members.

Seaholme State Mothers' Club

The last meeting of the Seaholme State School Mothers' Club for 1966 will be held at the school next Monday, December 5, at 1.30 p.m.

Members are requested to bring something towards afternoon tea.

Invitation to Special Church Service

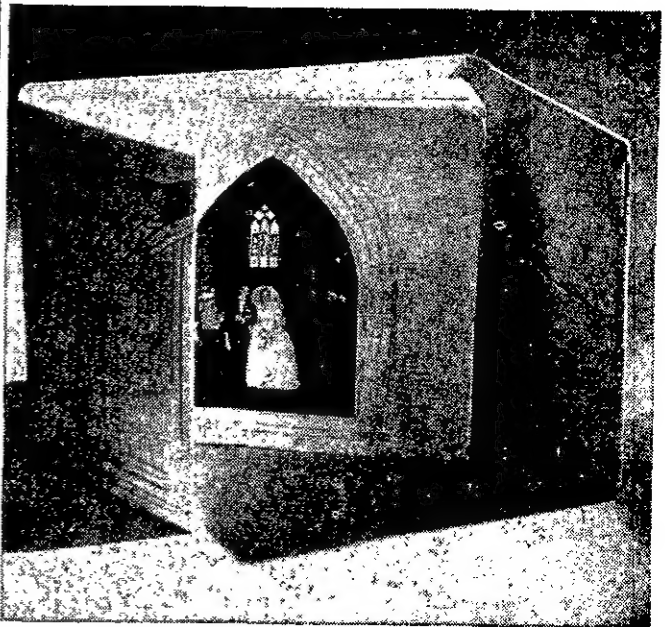
GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Parents and Local Association members are invited to join the guides and brownies from all Altona companies at a Special Service Church Parade next Sunday night, December 4, at the Presbyterian Church, Civic Parade, Altona, at 7 p.m.

Altona West State Mothers' Club

The next meeting of the Altona West State School Mothers' Club will be held on Thursday, December 1, at 7.30 p.m. at the school.

All mothers are invited to attend.



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POOR ATTENDANCE AT
ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Altona Citizens & Police Youth Club was held on Wednesday, November 23, in the Youth Hall, Civic Parade, Altona.

Retiring President, Mr. A. M. Brown declared the meeting open and expressed regret that so few Parents of members had come along.

Mr. Brown through pressure of work was not available to hold office in the future and before presenting his report on the activities of the Youth Club for the past year, thanked the Committee for their support over the years and to the many past Committee members for their assistance and help.

Mr. Brown concluded by presenting the Secretary Mrs. Hyde with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her help and assistance.

Mr. F. H. Lowry, Field Officer of the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs, presided over the election of Office Bearers for 1966/67. He congratulated Altona Youth Club on having a well organised Club which has been active in Altona for the past 14 years. He commended the Club on its achievements over the years and wished it well in the future.

Office Bearers for 1966/67:
President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts;
Senior Vice-President: Mr. J. Mellors.
Junior Vice-President: Mr. H. Sparkes.
Treasurer: Mr. E. Jameson.
Secretary: Mrs. B. Hyde, 14 Mc Bain Street, Altona.
Asst. Secretary: Mr. McGarry.
Police Representative: Mr. H. Sparkes.
Publicity Officer: Mr. T. McGarry.
Committee: Messrs. Brown, Sherriffs, Deegan, Murphy, Cullen Baldwin, Martyn.
Mesdames: Deegan, Murphy.

The next function to take place at the Youth Club will be the Annual Parent's Night, Friday, December 2, at 7-30.

All parents and friends are cordially welcome, to the display of Gymnastics, Calisthenics, Judo, Weight Lifting etc., given by the members of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior sections of the club. The Teenage facilities and Craft Room will be open to view and refreshments will be served after the presentations.

THANKS

The Committee takes this opportunity of thanking Petroleum Refineries Ltd., Union Carbide (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., C.S.R.C.-Dow and Carbon Black Pty. Ltd. for their donations to the Club during the year. All donations are very much appreciated. The very fine record player presented to the Club by Carbon Black Pty. Ltd. is very much appreciated and makes a valuable addition to our Teenage Room.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,
It is my pleasure to present to you once again, my Report on the Activities of the Altona Citizens & Police Youth Club for the past year.

I have been ably assisted throughout the year by all the members of Committee. I would like to thank the Shire Council for their continued support during the year. We do appreciate Council's interest in our activities and it is very gratifying to know that our efforts on behalf of the Youth of Altona are appreciated by the Shire Council.

No club can run successfully without the Ladies of the Social Committee and our Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Deegan deserve a special vote of thanks, for their efforts during the year. Thank you ladies.

Mr. Sherriffs has very competently managed the cleaning and hiring of the Hall during the year. This is an exacting task requiring many hours attendance at the Hall and Jock is to be complimented on the excellent job he has done, many thanks Jock.

ACTIVITIES

Our activities for the Intermediate and Junior sections commenced on February 5 for the boys and February 6 for the girls.

Miss Faye Gathercole again instructed the Intermediate Gymnastic section for girls on a Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately Faye, through pressure of work, had to resign this class in May. However, in September, Faye commenced a class for Teenage girls in Physical Fitness which is a great success. This is conducted on Monday evenings. Faye also took girls of her class on a weekend hike recently which was enjoyed by all. Good work Faye.

Miss Robyn Deegan again conducted the Junior girls Gymnastic section. During the year because of the large membership of her class, Robyn obtained the services of an assistant, Miss Margaret Grierson. Robyn has done a very good job as always, during the year with her girls. Many thanks Robyn and to Mr. and Mrs. Deegan for their work for the girls.

The Intermediate and Junior boys Gymnastics commenced well, with Instructor Mr. G. Ferris. Unfortunately Geoff did not continue and the Club was very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Harold Doerner in May, who has done a very good job with the boys. Harold entered a team in the VAYC competitions, much experience was gained and the boys won a 1 star award. Harold has enlarged the scope of this section, progress will be seen from their display on Parent's night. Good work Harold.

BASKETBALL

The Basket Ball boys under Coach, Arnold Ansons, have formed a Sub-Committee and unfortunately, owing to lack of training space in the Hall, the girls team which was formed during the year, was not able to continue. The response by Junior boys to play this sport was not encouraging.

WEAVING

In May, Weaving classes for Junior Girls, were commenced under the instruction of Mr. and Mrs. Deegan. These classes were an immediate success, members now are using six looms. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Deegan for your good work in this section.

The Marching Girls commenced in February with a Junior Team, but owing to lack of interest in this sport, it was discontinued. We will endeavour to encourage girls in the coming year and get this sport going again in Altona.

Mr. H. Burgess has conducted Body Building classes during the year for senior boys and these have proved popular. Many thanks Bert.

TEENAGE ROOM

In June our Teenage Room was well and truly "Launched" and commenced activities following the presentation to the Youth Club of a table tennis table, a gift from Rotary Club of Altona. It gives me very great pleasure to report that from that time on our Teenage Room has progressed from a handful of members to the present financial membership of approx. 50. The billiard table was repaired and a dart board purchased and because of the increasing membership a second table tennis table was installed. The boys and girls have formed their own Sub-Committee, lead by Mr. Ken Bingham and Mr. Harold Doerner, to run their own activities, under the guidance of the general Committee. This fulfills the great need in Altona for worthwhile recreational activities for the large number of Teenagers of the Shire. We hope it will continue successfully and we wish the Committee every success.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Leaders of all sections for their good work throughout the year, and extend my best wishes for the coming year.

During the year the Youth Club has been the home temporarily of the Altona Drama Group from the Group's inception in February until June, when the Teenage Room commenced activities. The Drama Group because of increased membership was forced to seek alternative accommodation.

In September the Youth Club also gave a home to the newly formed Altona Musical Society for practice and theory, until

HIGH AWARD TO
ALTONA LIFE SAVER

Congratulations to Miss Sandra Butters who gained the Royal Life Saving Society's Distinction Award at Richmond Baths on Monday, November 21.

She becomes the second Altona Life Saver to gain this award, the first being Bill Davies who won it about 3 years ago. Three other Life Savers who tried for the award with Sandra failed narrowly on the Water Skills but will make another attempt later in the season. They are Barbara Allen, Col Cotter and Roy Bailey.

The Distinction Award is second only to the Diploma in Life Saving Awards and requires a great deal of skill and knowledge to attain. The Diploma is a very exclusive award and has been gained only by 38 life savers since it was instituted in 1904.

To gain the Distinction a life saver has to perform various water skills with a percentage of not less than 90, methods of Resuscitation with little margin of error and swim a total of 880 yards using specified strokes with a strict time limit for each stroke.

ROYAL LIFE PRESENTATION

The Royal Life Saving Society's Presentation Night was held in South Melbourne Town Hall, on Thursday, November 24. Presentations were made by Cr. I. Beaurepaire, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria Sir Edmund Herring who usually makes the Presentations was absent due to a prior engagement.

Altona Life Saving Club was presented with a new March Past Pennant by the R.L.S.S. and with a One Man Rescue Cylinder by B.P. Australia for winning the B Grade Championship last season.

DONATIONS BY B.P.

B.P. Australia also donated a Rescue Cylinder to every Life Saving Club in Victoria.

These cylinders are toped-shaped, very light in weight and can be taken out to a person in distress without the use of a such time as alternative accommodation could be found. Thus we have been instrumental in helping these two organisations to get established. We would like to do more but as two nights are reserved for St. John's Ambulance Brigade with whom we share the Hall, we are not able to house other groups indefinitely, to the detriment of our own activities.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

Over the past year many pieces of equipment have been purchased for the various activities and this has been put to very good use, but with the Government grant being so small this year, we have sadly decreased our finances.

The Youth Club was pleased during the year to take part in the Youth Sunday celebrations and to have our Mr. Peter Wagner read a portion of the Service. We also participated in Education Week activities in Altona with members marching in the Parade and with the Youth Hall being 'Open' to the public on the Saturday morning while activities were in progress.

DANCES

A series of dances were held during the winter months organised by an outside promoter, they were reasonably successful but not as well attended as we had hoped. Nevertheless the Teenage section has plans along these lines for the future and we wish them every success.

Proposed activities for the coming year include more weekend camps for all sections, Judo classes for boys and girls, Basketball for boys and girls, more handicraft classes, Marching girls and Football and Club outings.

To conclude, Ladies and Gentlemen, I again thank the Committee for their support during the year. We have accomplished much this year, but there is still more that can be done for the Youth of the Shire in the way of worthwhile recreational activity and look forward to 1967 with the hope that with your continued support we can expand our activities on behalf of the young people of our Shire of Altona.

Thank you one and all,
A. M. Brown,
President.

reel and line if only one life saver is available or if the distressed person is too far out for a line to reach.

Attached to the cylinder is a 6 foot length of rope for the patient to grab. The rescuer then swims back to shore with the patient in tow.

KIOSK OPENED

A kiosk for the sale of ice creams, soft drinks and lollies was opened last Saturday. It will operate at weekends, Public Holidays and warm evenings throughout the summer. It is hoped to raise valuable finance through this medium.

SWIMMING TRAINING

It has been decided to continue swimming training at Richmond Baths for about 3 more Mondays, to enable members going for awards to have extra training.

SWIMMER IN DISTRESS

A girl swimmer who had got into difficulties last Tuesday evening was taken to the clubhouse. Although not officially open, first aid officer W. Hu-lands was checking equipment prior to the start of the season and was able to render first aid and take the girl to a doctor. He then went to the girls home to fetch her parents.

ALARM SIRENS

The misuse of the Alarm Sirens has been a great nuisance to the Life Savers and particularly to residents living near the Esplanade for some time. Now that the swimming season has started and people will be in the water it has become a positive menace. Maybe one of the fools who persistently sets the alarm going will be unfortunate enough to be in difficulties when the alarm is genuinely set off for his benefit and it is ignored.

A suggestion by some irresponsible person that the Life Savers themselves set it going is too stupid to be taken seriously.

The proposed change in the Alarm system has not yet materialised and the future of the Alarms will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting on Tuesday, December 6.

SAFETY HINTS

The Life Savers commence Beach Patrols on Saturday December 3, and will continue until the end of March 1967. A patrol of 6 will be on duty from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. each Saturday and from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. each Sunday and Public Holiday. Every endeavour will be made to maintain a patrol each day during the School Holidays.

Two beach markers will be on the beach in the vicinity of the Club house and poor swimmers and young children should use this section of the beach.

Parents should keep a close watch on young children using rubber toys, rafts, motor tubes etc., particularly when an offshore wind is blowing as they can very soon drift into deep water.

Don't swim within an hour if having a substantial meal, nor remain in the water when really hungry as a hungry swimmer lacks energy and quickly tires.

Don't stay in the water when you start to shudder as this is a sure way of getting cramp.

Don't bully and scare the life out of poor swimmers. This results in loss of confidence and make them permanently afraid of the water.

Don't dive into water of unknown depth particularly in rivers and lakes where the level can drop considerably during a dry spell. Look around for a depth or enter first. Otherwise you may find yourself with a broken neck or buried head first in mud.

Boat owners should steer well clear of swimmers. Users of ski-boards should also keep clear of areas where there are a large number of swimmers. Many serious accidents have been caused by swimmers being struck by boards.

Finally, help to keep our beaches clean and safe by not leaving bottles and other dangerous debris behind when you leave. If you see any broken glass, pick it up and put it in one of the bins provided by the council. If you leave it, it may be yourself or one of your children that treads on it.



CHURCH CRICKET

Following are scores from the first day's play of the fifth round of the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association—

A GRADE
Barkly Street 2/91 v. Williams-town Congs. 66 (Collett 7/16).
Tottenham Baps. 179 (McGuire 50) v. Yarraville Congs. 2/17.
St. Andrew's 3/261 dec. (J. Rowe 138, Garbutt 52) v. John Street 7/94.

B GRADE
Paisley Street 236 (Ern 92) v. Kingsville Baps.
All Saints 4/22 (Culbard 3/10) v. Altona Baps. 5/186 dec. (G. Douglas 55, S. Culbard 52, P. Carton 36, J. Bryce 13).
North Williamstown 85 v. Yarra ville Baps. 9/85 (Lawerson 5/17).

C GRADE
St. Andrew's 7/62 v. Tottenham Baps. 148.
Christ Church 8/392 dec. (Sears 165 n.o., Adam 97) v. Ballarat Road 1/21.
ST. EANSWYTHE'S v. MAIDSTONE CHURCH OF CHRIST.
St. Eanswythe's are in a good position to take a first innings lead in their match against Maidstone Church of Christ after a good first innings and the fast bowlers getting a quick break through.

St. Eanswythe's.—First Innings:
PRICE, c, b Given 15
B. GARDE, stpd., b Pope 30
D. GARDE, not out 50
HILLMAN, b Given 2
WYNANDS, run out 2
STEPHENSON, c, b Pope 1
TYRELL, b Pope 2
D. CHALMERS, stpd., b Pope 9
LAWLEY, b Given 9
J. MORTON, b Pope 1
T. MORTON, c, b Pope 0
Sundries (12b, 1w, 1nb) 14
TOTAL 126
BOWLING: A. Pope 6/30, R. Given 3/37, D. Keenan 0/15, K. Cox 0/30.

Maidstone.—First Innings:
KEENAN, b Price 4
POPE, b Tyrell 16
COX, c, b Price 0
BOSELYR, c, b Tyrell 12
SALTER, not out 4
GIVEN, not out 0
Sundries (1nb) 1
TOTAL Four wickets for 37
BOWLING: R. Price 2/15, P. Tyrell 2/21.

JUNIORS—South Section
John Street 0/15 v. Electra Street 5/111 dec.
St. Andrew's 112 v. Christ Church 0/50.
North Williamstown 3/107 (Lawerson 67) v. Altona Pres. 32 (Hayes 6/12).
W'TOWN CONGS. v. ST. EANSWYTHE'S.
St. Eanswythe's, after making a good start by dismissing Williamstown Congs. for 53, collapsed and could only manage 49, thereby being only on the first innings of the first day's play.

W'town Congs.—First Innings:
LEE, c, b B. Garde 32
HOLMES, c, b B. Garde 8
WEEDON, b Stephenson 1
BROWNING, stpd., b B. Garde 0
WOOD, c, b B. Garde 4
CHAPPLE, stpd., b B. Garde 0
REITMAN, c, b B. Garde 0
BEER, stpd., b B. Garde 0
J. BELL, c, b B. Garde 0
G. BELL, not out 0
Sundries (7b, 1nb) 8
TOTAL 53
BOWLING: B. Garde 8/30, G. Stephenson 1/3, J. Holden 0/12.

St. Eanswythe's.—First Innings:
B. GARDE, b Lee 12
D. CHALMERS, lbw, b Holmes 0
HOLMES, b Lee 0
STEPHENSON, lbw, b Lee 4
Courtot, c&b Holmes 8
J. MORTON, b Lee 0
HARRISON, c, b Holmes 4
COOK, run out 14
FEATHERBY, b Holmes 1
GRANT, not out 1
HENRY, lbw, b Holmes 0
Sundries (4b, 2lb) 5
TOTAL 49
BOWLING: Holmes 5/22, Lee 4/21.

FILM AND LECTURE NIGHT
A film and lecture night by leading V.C.A. umpires will be held this Friday, December 2, 8 p.m. at the Seddon Congregational Hall, Gammon Street. Players and supporters of the association are cordially invited to attend.



Dear Sir,
To Observer (Letters to the Editor, November 24) may I present a bunch of large size white feathers, for his or her insinuations. They were not brave enough to say it to the councillors personally and must hide behind a nom-de-plume.
Decent people living in Altona must be sick and tired of Cr. Crofts' supporters attacks on the councillors, their wives and families.
If people like Observer don't appreciate the advantages we have enjoyed over the last nine years let them get out to make room for people who will.
PHYLLIS J. CRESSER.

Dear Sir,
I read in your paper we have now acquired a brass band in Altona. Whether for pleasure, lunacy or politics time will tell.
We have Cr. Fisher, backed up by Cr. Lee, now straining, it would seem, to find fresh ways to play Father Christmas with our ever diminishing rates by running an Arts Council, and an Altona Moomba. Where is all this money coming from? From more rises in rates? I have never yet heard of these things being self-supporting.
When are the councillors going to do the job for which they were elected? Namely, to run Altona economically. Are they capable or not?

I notice in the "Star" another letter by a familiar name, Geoffrey C. Cresser, tut-tutting about a 4c rise in the \$1, so if your property is valued at \$10,000 you would have to pay 500 by 4c, or \$20 extra. A mere nothing my dear Mr. Cresser? Perhaps you would like to pay this "triviality" for me, yes? Wakeup, Altona! Get rid of these spend thrifths before we are all penniless.

Again, another thought crosses my mind. I cannot recollect all those plum \$8 over the award jobs being advertised in the Altona paper, namely, the "Star." Were they? It sure would be nice to know those lucky people.
We have dogs roaming the streets day and night, not counting the number of sheds, garages and shanties of second-hand material built on to dividing fences. As any one knows these are against building regulations. These things should not be allowed with a council employee paid \$8 over the award for efficiency. They bring down the values of the well-kept places.

Whilst paying plenty for service, we are getting very little. Perhaps we could get the government auditor to come and straighten things out and stop these men wasting our rates.

I will close whilst awaiting to see which of the head noddors answers my letter, making excuses for this wretched state of affairs. I must thank the "Star" for keeping us in the news, as now that our council waste more money by giving council advertisements to the "Footscray Mail," of which I doubt that more than a couple of dozen would be bought in Altona, thus leaving the "Star" at its own cost to tell us people how our money (rates) is being spent, or wasted.

I also hope that Cr. Crofts keeps up his valuable work and may be joined by businessmen capable enough to run Altona within its means.
JUST A RATEPAYER.

Dear Sir,
Geoffrey C. Cresser's letter ("Star," November 24) proves two things.

Firstly, in championing a 4c rise in rates he proves that those of young and tender years and not being a ratepayer should leave it to those who pay the piper to call the tune.

Secondly, his point concerning councillors not being unanimous in their voting (probably their first time ever) shows that he does not recognise the difference between political expediency and panic. These men are desperately thinking of the next August election and are thrashing about seeking a way out, even if we don't get the three swimming pools as promised.

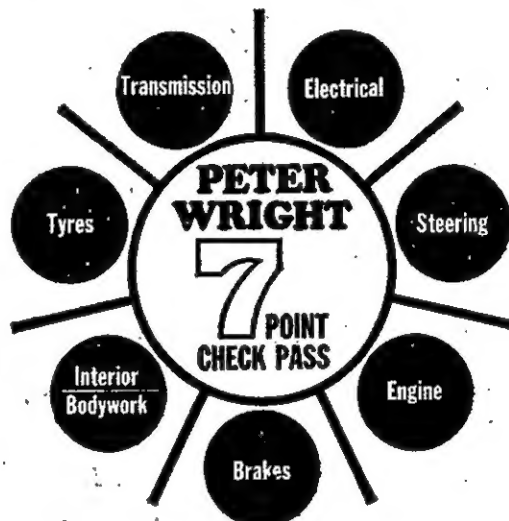
If these men resigned in a body and went to the poll they would find that they were just as far out of line with the thoughts and wishes of the people as was their leader, Arthur Calwell, at last Saturday's elections.

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St. Eanswythe's Sunday School

Parents are reminded that the Sunday school party is on Friday, December 9, from 5 till 7.30 p.m.

If any children have not returned their forms will you kindly advise Mrs. Lawley (398-1302) if they will be attending.

The final Sunday School Service for 1966 will be on December 11 when the children will attend church for a short while to offer their donations for the Empty Christmas Tree and receive their certificates.

Sunday School will resume on February 12, 1967.

Sewerage Costs

Estimated cost for construction of sewerage reticulation in the area of Altona North bounded by Cresser Street, Mills Street, McIntosh Road and Fifth Avenue is \$116,672.30.

The Board of Works has accepted a tender of \$86,073.30 plus provision money \$4304 submitted by Vitafort Pty. Ltd. for the work in this area.

In addition, the cost of materials to be supplied by the Board, supervision and overhead charge is estimated at \$26,295.

Seaholme School News

The Seaholme State School recorder band was invited to play at the Melbourne Teachers' College assembly last Thursday morning.

This is the second year in succession the college has invited the children to play for them. Last week they sent a bus to the school to pick up the band. After assembly the children were entertained by the students and shown around the college.

As well as the whole band playing at assembly the Consort Group and Lesley Hyde, Victorian Champion Treble Soloist, played for the college students.

At the State Championships held in Prahran in September and open to all recorder players the Seaholme pupils received a first, second and third.

Lesley Hyde won her title against much older players at these contests. The whole band came second in their section and the Consort Group third.

The Concert Group consists of Rhonda Douglas (base), Russell Ewen (tenor), Lesley Hyde (treble) and Elaine Scott (drum).

Seaholme State School Speech Night will be held on Tuesday, December 13, in the PRA auditorium, at 8 p.m.

Annual scholarships and other awards will be presented to the pupils.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

As Assistant Secretary of the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association I had the honour of addressing the public meeting on the state of education at the Altona Civic Hall, on Wednesday, November 23, 1966.

The examples given by parents in the audience of the educational disadvantages suffered by parents and children in the Altona Shire, and the obvious anxiety of the audience about the quality of present-day education prompt me to outline, more specifically than I was able to do at the meeting, the policy of my Association on some of the remedial measures needed to avoid even further educational curtailments such as the crippling matriculation arrangements proposed for Altona and Altona North High Schools next year.

Remedial action should include:

- Frank admission by the State Government and the Education Department administrators that there is a crisis in secondary education;
- An open, independent, public enquiry at State level into all aspects of State education;
- Increased State expenditure on education;
- More efficient use of present resources;
- Training or replacement of unqualified teachers (the 1960 Ramsay report set 1967 as the target date for staffing secondary schools with qualified teachers);
- Recruitment of teachers from industry and from overseas, offering a salary and prospects of promotion that would attract qualified staff and reduce the increasing number of secondary teacher resignations;
- Introduction of a new simplified system of classifying teachers positions (recommended by the Ramsay report as an "urgent necessity" in 1960);
- Reconstitution and reform of the Teachers' Tribunal so that the Tribunal may be willing to initiate the many reforms which it has the legal power and the moral responsibility to effect;
- Improvement of secondary teachers' working conditions, including reduction of large class sizes, employment of more clerical staff, laboratory assistants and librarians, and provision of adequate staff-rooms complete with necessary filing cabinets and book shelves;
- Provision of more houses for teachers particularly in areas where the shortage is acute, such as in the western suburbs;
- Immediate introduction of equal pay for women teachers;
- Increased financial recognition of higher qualifications and responsibilities exercised by those in an acting capacity;
- Reappraisal of the work value of secondary teaching as a profession, affording it the status, independence and self-determination that other professions take for granted;
- Raising entry standards to the profession;
- Securing a direct Federal Grant, along the lines of the assistance given to Universities to reduce the staffing, building and equipment shortages;
- Obtaining a special Federal Government literacy grant, such as that made for the construction and equipping of secondary school science blocks, in order to build and stock adequate libraries;
- Acceptance by the Commonwealth of an increasing proportion of financial responsibility for State secondary education, including responsibility for teacher training as recommended by the Martin Committee;
- Autonomy for teacher training institutions (freedom from employer control);
- A Commonwealth inquiry into the financial needs of education;
- Establishment of a permanent research department on both Federal and State levels to determine present and future financial needs of education;
- Constant examination at all levels of educational aims, syllabus content and teaching methods in order to bring the best possible education to each child. (This requires unlimited choice of subjects for all children in all schools.)

The two decisions taken by the public meeting in Altona Civic Hall on November 23 are two steps towards educational justice in the western suburbs.

Yours sincerely,
GREG O'LOUGHLIN,
Assistant Secretary, VSTA.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I feel your reporting of the meeting called to form an Arts Council in Altona could result in some confusion to members of the Altona Drama Group and those other members of the community who follow their activities with interest. In an attempt to clarify my position in this matter, I would like to state:-

1. I did not attend the meeting as a representative of the Drama Group, but as an "interested observer" (Mr. McGuckian and Mr. Nette were the officially appointed delegates to the meeting).
2. I did not speak against the motion to form an Arts Council because I was not a delegate to the meeting and did not expect to be required to vote.
3. The idea of forming an Arts Council was voiced as long ago as December of last year and naturally being particularly interested in the cultural development of the community, I have had plenty of opportunity to give the matter considerable thought, and based on my experiences both here and overseas I had formed the opinion that until the various groups had had time to properly establish themselves, Altona Shire Council was being somewhat premature in their efforts to enrich the lives of the Altona community.

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Altona Refinery General Manager, Mr. Peter Parkin, has been granted a U.S. patent for an invention which improves the control and performance of Thermoform catalytic cracking units.

Use of the development at Altona has resulted in considerable savings.

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1st Altona Scouts

Don't forget Saturday, December 3 is the 1st Altona Scout Group's final social evening for the year, taking the form of a games night in the scout hall at 7.30 p.m.

Please turn up and make this a real family night to end a very good year.

The drawing of the prize winner for the special Christmas effort will take place and admission is 30c adults, 10c children.

One of the cubs, Gary Putkunz, spent last weekend at Il-langi Camp at Olinda, with Foot-scray District. Many thanks to Mr. Deans for taking Gary with 3rd Williamstown.

The next Group Committee meeting, the last for 1966, will be held on Monday, December 12, at the scout hall.

Minister Advises Parents To Pay Inter Exam Levy

A circular sent to parents of fourth form students at Altona High School urged them not to pay the \$3 levy for their children to enter the intermediate examination, but the Minister of Education (the Hon. J. S. Bloomfield) recommends payment of the fee.

The circular advised parents that even if the fee was not paid the students would still be allowed to sit for the examination.

Parents were urged to write to Cr. J. J. Ginfier, M.P., protesting against "the unwarranted fee." Cr. Ginfier passed on one inquiry from a parent and a copy of the circular to the Minister.

The reasons for not paying the fee, as set out in the circular, are—

"The money is paid to the Victorian Universities and Schools Examinations Board which feeds all results into a computer and issues a slip of paper to each student setting out his/her results. This is certainly not worth \$3.

"Your child's teachers set the examination papers, and mark them as part of their normal job. This costs you nothing.

"We send the results to the V.U.S.E.B. which later sends them back on a slip of paper.

"V.U.S.E.B. uses most of your \$3 for its other functions such as curriculum research.

"V.U.S.E.B. has no source of income apart from such fees. The government refuses to subsidise it.

"All these points add up to the conclusion DON'T PAY.

"What might happen to your child if you do not pay?

"Most employers will accept a report book which will contain results. Intending apprentices MAY need the slip of paper from V.U.S.E.B. and thus it would be safer if they paid.

"Those students going on to Form 5 will not be affected.

"Note that if you do not pay your child will still be allowed to sit for examinations; we will still mark the papers, and you will still get results entered in report books."

In reply to Cr. Ginfier's inquiry, the Minister of Education wrote—

"I refer to your inquiry on behalf of a parent of an Altona High School pupil concerning the payment of fees for entrance to the intermediate examination. I am inquiring into the matter and have now received preliminary advice. I write only at this stage to recommend that the parent concerned should pay the fee.

"The service rendered by the V.U.S.E.B. in respect of intermediate certificates represents something more than the posting of a slip of paper. Records of all successful candidates must be preserved and available indefinitely. The administration of the Board is an extremely expensive one, and the Board undoubtedly exists and carries on its operations for the benefit of students generally.

"Admitting at present, for the sake of argument, that to some extent the fees paid sustain charges for other activities, it must be conceded that these things have to be paid for and that the money must come from somewhere. The roneoed circular is apparently issued by some person or persons holding the view that the Government should find other means of financing the V.U.S.E.B. So far such other means have not been disclosed and there is clearly no money in the Education Department available for this purpose.

"The statements issued by the V.U.S.E.B. are in fact of value, e.g. to those who wish to be apprentices or to take up nursing as a career.

"I will write to you further when I have further information before me, but for the present, I suggest that you recommend to the parent concerned that the fee should be paid."

June Bronhill at Music for the People

June Bronhill, star of "Robert and Elizabeth", will be appearing by arrangement with the Garnet Carroll management, at the first "Music for the People" concert in the 1966-67 series, to be held in the Sydney Myer Music Bowl on Sunday, December 4, at 3-15.

Miss Bronhill's items will include "The Sound of Music", "I know Now" and "O My beloved Father." Other soloists will be popular Australian baritone Ronal Jackson, and Alan Kogosowski, 13 year-old classical pianist, who has just won the Public Grand Final of the television talent quest "Showcase '66" as well as second place in the Judge's final, and the News-paper critics award. Alan will play Grieg's Piano Concerto.

The Australian Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by Hector Crawford, and compere will be 3DB's Geoff McComas.

UNLICENSED DRIVER IN ACCIDENT

A Laverton youth, too young to hold a driver's licence, was fined \$60 with \$6 costs following an accident involving a car he was driving and another at the corner of Blyth and Rose Sts., Altona, on March 10.

In Williamstown Court last week the youth, David Soames, 17 years, of Briggs St., Laverton, was found guilty of driving a car while being unlicensed and for not giving way to a vehicle on the right.

Douglas Osborne, of Newport, told the court he saw Soames approach the intersection at 45 m.p.h.

As a result he hit a car driven by James Seed, of the Esplanade, Seaholme.

Soames explained that he was driving to pick up his sister who was working late at the Altona Hostel.

Fined Over Motor Boat Act

A number of breaches of the Motor Boat Act were before Williamstown Court last week.

Among the offenders was Brian Gardner, of Queen Street, Altona, who was fined for not having a fire extinguisher on the boat and for insufficient approved life-belts.

Did 40 in a 35 Zone

An Altona policeman was accused in Williamstown Court last week of threatening to book a motorist for speeding in Millers Road whether or not he had broken the speed limit.

The accusation was made by Albert T. Skelton, of Edgar St., West Footscray.

First Constable Wilshire told the court he had stopped Skelton in Millers Road, Altona, for travelling at 40 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. speed limit.

Constable Wilshire denied ever threatening Skelton.

Skelton was found guilty and fined \$10.

Phone Box Vandals Fined

Two youths have been arrested following damage to a telephone box in Millers Road, Altona North, two weeks ago.

The youth are alleged to have broken six louvre windows after they became angry because they could not get through to a friend at the Central Hotel.

Damage is estimated at \$1.45.

\$170 FINE FOR MILKING CAR

Milking petrol from a car proved a costly way of obtaining fuel for their own car by two youths who were before Williamstown Court last week.

They could have bought petrol to travel many thousands of miles with the fines totalling \$170 which have been imposed on them.

The youths are William Downes, 18 years, of Seventh Avenue, Altona North, and his friend, John H. Conray, 19 years, of Revo Street, West Newport.

In court Sgt. Don Plant alleged that the two youths had stolen and attempted to steal some petrol from a car belonging to Mr. John Howden, of the Altona Migrant Hostel on October 30.

Both youths were each found guilty of two larceny charges arising out of this and were fined \$30 on each charge.

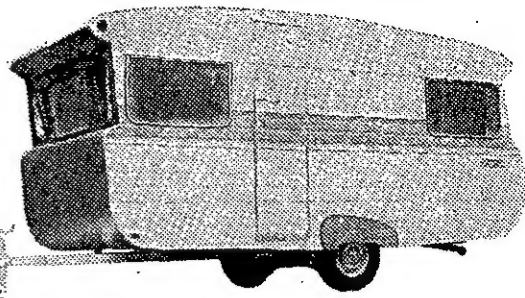
Also, although John Conray told the court he was not the driver of the car at the scene of the crime, he was fined a further \$50 for driving without a licence.

Costs of \$5 were awarded to Mr. Howden.

T.A.B. PROPOSED FOR BROOKLYN

The Chief Secretary (Mr. A. G. Rylah) has approved the establishment of an agency of the Totalisator Agency Board (TAB) at 2 Eames Avenue, Brooklyn.

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2nd Brooklyn
Brownies Break-up

Brownie meetings for the 2nd Brooklyn Brownies close for this year on December 3 and resume on February 11, 1967.

Last Saturday brownies and their parents enjoyed the annual family picnic at the Yarraville Gardens.

Recent tests passed by the brownies are—

Robin Mayne, skipping; Kerrie Douglas, washing up.

Michelle Newbound was enrolled on November 5 and is a member of the Pixies Six.

Service Stars will be presented to the following brownies on December 3: Carol Strickland, Valerie Wilson, Carol Jones and Anne Davis.

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

Round nine of the current summer pennant season of the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association was completed in the past week, and round 10, now in progress, will conclude the second home round of matches.

Players will now welcome a respite during the Christmas and New Year period, with a recess until Tuesday, January 31, when round 11 commences.

Jack Davie and Tony Vitale are hitting peak form for Altona in B2, and their sound play enabled Altona to defeat Bulldogs comfortably at 8-3.

John Wild, school teacher, was the star of the match Altona North Technical School v. Ballarat Road Methodists. Although strongly pressed by R. McInnes and Alby Richardson, Wild won three rubbers in sound style in singles, and helped to win both doubles. This effort gave Altona a narrow victory at 6-5, a close and creditable contest for both teams.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

As previously reported, the annual presentation night cabaret ball will be held at the L.C.I. clubrooms, Ballarat Road, Deer Park, on Monday, December 5. All trophy winners are asked to be present.



ANNUAL FEATURE AT THE
WESTERN SUBURBS
MEMORIAL PARK

It is quite apparent from the influx of visitors to the Park that the tableau representing the first Christmas has been accepted by the public and is here to stay.

Generated by public interest over 28,000 people have viewed the Nativity Setting at Western Suburbs Memorial Park. With this in mind appropriate plant-

ings have taken place during the current year. The trees and plants selected are from those to which some reference is made in the Bible, and next planting season this plan will be extended.

Additional features introduced this year are the permanent road entrance, the flood lighting of the Wise Men mounted on the camels, the Biblical ox cart and the water-well, bringing about a very beautiful effect.

Throughout the display, visi-

tors will enjoy the specially arranged seasonal music.

This is an effort by the Park Administration to bring home to all visitors the story of the first Christmas.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to view the Nativity Setting between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. every day from December 1 through to December 31.

May we suggest that you see it during the daylight and also at night when it is fully illuminated.

Annual Meeting of
Altona Pedal Club

The Altona Pedal Club will hold their annual meeting to-night (Thursday, December 1), at 9 Bracken Grove, Altona, at 8 p.m.

The Port Melbourne Rally is on Sunday, December 4. The bus leaves 28 Linnet Street, at 9.30 a.m.

SILVER PEDAL RESULTS

November 12: 64, 84 and 80.

November 19: 139, 55 and 91.

November 26: 57, 16 and 7.

Strong Winds
Capsize Yachts

A blistering north-westerly wind last Saturday led to the abandonment of all racing for the Altona Yacht Club.

Gusts of up to 35 m.p.h. prevailed at starting time. Many an anxious eye watched the wild fluctuations of the club's wind gauge.

Much debate took place as to the advisability of sailing in the extremely heavy off-shore conditions. By a slender majority decision of the Sailing Committee it was decided to race as scheduled and the crash boat put to sea to lay the various buoys which were to pin-point the course.

The wild pitching of the boat proved to be a sure indication of the torrid conditions the yachts were soon to encounter. It became apparent that many skippers were delaying the rigging of their boats till the last moment, being content to wait and see if conditions would improve.

The fleet-winged Hornets were scheduled to start first and eventually, one by one, were put in the water.

Great cascades of flying spray whipped from the hulls as the boats fairly screamed to the start line. Sailing in these conditions was only for the highly skilful. Everyone knew that one false move would mean disaster in a flash and probably breakages of expensive fittings and equipment.

Collin McInlay's relatively new Hornet was the first to capsize and was the forerunner of a whole succession of capsizing incidents.

The start proved to be an unruly struggle to keep the boats upright rather than a tactical battle for positions, which is the usual feature of yacht racing.

Tom Jones, skippering Jet, and Ted Philipps in Laphil, were masterly in their expert handling of their boats through the start line. By this time the wind had increased in velocity and conditions were positively ferocious.

The light Moths were also out on the water at this stage and being "one man" boats, their skippers were soon in trouble trying to cope with the howling winds. Capsized crafts dotted the horizon in all directions, yet, by miraculous good fortune, all boats were as yet undamaged and were righted by their crews.

A much depleted Heron fleet of five boats also set off from shore with the G.P. 14's and even these under canvassed boats were fairly flying through the choppy seas toward the start line.

The Heron skippers, however, were the first to abandon the racing, having in most cases light weight juniors as crewmen. They just did not have the weight to hold their craft upright. In the meantime, the Hornets and Moths seemed to be in trouble everywhere.

John Andress in Shadow was already crippled with a snapped mast.

With the wind gauge recording gusts on shore in excess of 40 m.p.h. it was decided to call the racing off and the crash boat was informed of the decision on the "two-way" radio which is such an important feature of racing at Altona.

The decision was a wise one because it is almost certain that more boats would have suffered damage had the racing continued.

The program will be re-run on Sunday, December 4, at 10 a.m.

ALTONA NORTH TECH.

ALTONA NORTH TECH. v. NEWPORT.

An opening stand of 48 between John Gilham and Bruce Forrester put Altona North Tech. in a good position in their match against Newport last Saturday.

Gilham bowled well to take 5/10 including a hat-trick, and Duncan also bowled well to take 2/2.

A.N.T.S.—First Innings:

B. FORRESTER, b P. Sidgewick ... 38

J. GILHAM, c, b Redshaw 37

I. BENNETT, not out ... 12

Sundries ... 3

TOTAL Two (dec.) for 90

BOWLING: A. Redshaw 1/24, P. Sidgewick 1/24.

NEWPORT.—First Innings:

QUINN, c&b B. Forrester 1

SINCOCK, b Gilham ... 2

R. SIDGEWICK, c&b Gilham 0

JACOBSEN, lbw, b Gilham ... 0

REDSHAW, b Gilham ... 0

HARRISON, c, b Gilham ... 0

HEALLY, c, b Duncan ... 7

CARRINGTON, b Duncan ... 4

APOSTILDES, not out ... 2

P. SIDGEWICK, b B. Forrester ... 4

S. PUTT, not out ... 0

Sundries ... 10

TOTAL Nine wickets for 30

BOWLING: J. Gilham 5/10, B. Duncan 2/2, B. Forrester 2/8.

STARS SAINTS and SINNERS

by RON COLEMAN.

STARS of our community this week are members of the Altona Teenage Dance Committee who are acting as temporary organisers of the first S.S.S. Dance, which will be held a week this Sunday, December 11 (2.30-6 p.m.).

The committee consists of—PRESIDENT (acting): Ken Bingham; SECRETARY: Faye Gathercole; TREASURER: Harold Doerner.

Other members are Bob Verity, Patricia Hyde, Bruce Forrester, Bill Breda, Danny Johnston, Max Baldwin and Ron Coleman.

This committee is really a working one until such times as a regular dance is under way, but so far a fair amount of work has been done and quite a few items have been discussed.

Here are some of the relevant matters that were decided—

1.—The dance, to be held on Sunday afternoon, December 11, from 2.30 till 6 p.m., will be open to members of either S.S.S. or the Altona Youth Club. A guest, who must accompany a member, who in turn must be in possession of a membership card, may attend.

2.—Admittance Fees: Members of S.S.S. or the Youth Club, 30c; Guests, 50c.

3.—Dress: Casual but decent please!

4.—Entertainment will consist of local groups, talent quest, Go-Go Girls, etc.

So if you're not a member of S.S.S. or the Altona Youth Club join now and save yourself 20c.

There'll be a sign-in book at the door and lucky signers will receive prizes. SO DON'T DELAY—JOIN TODAY.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

NEXT WEEK

We'll be having a full feature on the dance and guests artists, so don't forget to watch this page and book a date for Sunday, December 11.

ANOTHER FEATURE next week will be Altona Go-Go Girls Jean Littlewood and Roslyn Jensen, who will be dancing for us.

COMING SOON is an attractive feature on that mystery group "The Sneakers" ("Unknowns"), so watch out.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

COMPETITION

Girls, do you fancy yourself at Go-Go dancing? Why not enter the Miss Altona Go-Go Girl competition at our S.S.S. Dance? If you'd like to drop us a line stating age and other qualifications and turn up at the dance on December 11, we'd be glad to see you.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Talent Quest

Can you sing, dance or play guitar? If you can phone the "Star" and arrange for an audition for our coming dance.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Next Dance Committee Meeting

... is Monday night at 8.30 p.m. at the Altona Youth Hall (anyone interested is more than welcome to lend a hand in helping youth activities in Altona grow).

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

MISTAKE!!!!

SINNER this week is our typographer who misinterpreted my ugly scrawl (long hand) last week and inserted an "n" where an "r" should have been. Apologies to you embarrassed and hurt Mods, and we'll have to take out an insurance policy on Robert Davies, whom many thought was the culprit.

ONLY RECORDS DISC DIARY

Shame on "The Easybeats" for the rubbishing they gave Australia. It's a bit rude when a group makes a name for themselves in a country and then not only deserts it, but abuses it. I guess the main reason for their criticism was the fact that most of them lived on migrant hostels at one time or another and therefore could have only experienced the worst side of life in Australia. Also, had they dwelt in the fair city of Melbourne rather than their humdrum habitat in Sydney, maybe their views would have been completely different.

Anyway, they're back in Britain now where they belong and their latest release, "Friday on my Mind," is soaring up the charts.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Bobby Darrin's hit, "Carpen-ter," is probably his best recording since "Eighteen Yellow Roses" and yet it hasn't had the reception that the latter received. This is unusual as the backing is very good and so is Bobby's singing. Maybe Bobby has lost appeal due to the fact that he is married, for I can well remember his recording of "Mack the Knife" topping charts in many countries.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Peter and Gordon's follow-up to "Lady Godiva" is a number called "Knight in Rusty Armour" and it should be another hit for them. They've been quite successful this year as their earlier recording of "Woman" sold copies everywhere.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Loved Ones have released their recording of "Ever Lovin' Man" in the U.S.A. and already it has been acclaimed there by those who have heard it. I hope this doesn't mean that the Loved Ones are migrating to America, although I'm sure the older generation are wishing they would.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Although their sound is way out, it is original, and their recordings of "The Loved One" and "Ever Lovin' Man" have made good money for them. They're just starting to enter the big time now and I wouldn't be at all surprised if they go on tour shortly.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Normie's latest, "Ooh! Lah! Lah!" is topping all charts already and I'll bet he sells hundreds more copies here than he will sell in Britain, despite the fact that British teenagers had a head start when the disc was released in Britain first.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
He'll find competition much keener in Britain and I think we'll be seeing him back here soon, so keep your fingers crossed girls.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

LOCAL TALENT

Rather than having to go to the great expense of hiring singers and dancers from TV shows and discotheques at exhorbitant prices, it would be great to feature local singers at teenage dances here in Altona.

The prospects of a talent quest are being discussed and so if you fancy your chances, why not drop us a line or ring the "Star" office. At the moment the main demand is for pop singers, although dancers and groups will be considered.

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- 4.—Spicks and Specks
—The Bee Gees.
- 5.—Needle in a Haystack
—Twilight.
- 6.—Sorry
—Easybeats.
- 7.—Bent It
—Dave Dee Dozy Beaky Mick and Tich.
- 8.—Ooh La La
—Normie Rowe.
- 9.—I'm a Boy
—The Who.
- 10.—What a Party
—Tom Jones.

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BOWLING SCORES

Although the wind was a little tricky last Saturday most players in pennant matches had good games and were finished before the heavy storm in the late afternoon.

The results of the Altona Bowling Club teams are as follows—

Altona No. 1 117, defeated Richmond Union No 3 96.—P. Whitmore, Russell, Mitchell and Monkhouse: 26-19. J. Paul, Hill, Watters and Malloy: 42-15. R. Douglas, Whyte, Carton and Fisher: 30-33. D. Nettleton, Stephens, I. Douglas and Mather: 19-29.

Altona No. 2 85, lost to West Coburg No. 4 103.—Miles, A. Gischus, R. Don and Watson: 25-25. McNeillage, Williams, Martin and Deegan: 13-32. Blair Nielsen, L. Cox and Flynn: 25-29. Webster, Probert, Phillips and McDonald: 22-17.

Altona No. 3 108, defeated Brunswick 87.—J. Cox, G. Harris, Gore and Burke: 20-23. E. Franks, H. Harris, B. Harrison and Jemmesen: 21-27. Roach, McMahon, W. Condon and Mo-Alpine: 33-11. Kelly, Andress, Bromley and W. Harrison: 34-26.

Altona No. 4 75, lost to Richmond Union 111.—Bougoure, Butt, G. Sevier and Pilcher: 20-22. Thornycroft, Marshall, Eyre and Neal: 22-32. Pugsley, Sutton, Snowden and Carr: 15-36. L. Nettleton, B. Sevier, Nicholls and Grant: 18-21.

Next Saturday, December 3, the pennant games are Altona No. 1 to play Moreland No. 2 at Altona; No. 2 meet Flemington No. 3 away; No. 4 play Buckley Park No. 5 away and No. 4 are at home to Maribyrnong Park.

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ALTONA v. NEWPORT Y.C.W.

Altona, losing the toss, went in to bat in very blustery conditions.

Altona batted quite well against strong bowling and credit must go to Dern, Culbert and Flett. Flett opened and carried his bat through to the end of the innings, batting strongly in making 23 not out.

Newport Y.C.W. batted and Cahill bowled very well.

Although Y.C.W. hold the advantage over Altona, the match will be a very interesting one.

ALTONA.—First Innings:

FLETT, not out 23

CAHILL, b Wilkie 2

PATTON, c. b Wilkie 0

DERN, b Bernard 7

VINES, lbw, b Wilkie 1

COOK, run out 0

SMITH, b Humphries 0

HEANEY, b Humphries 0

CULBERT, stpd., b Humphries 6

RAFFERTY, b Williams 1

GRAINGER, c, b Williams 0

Sundries (2b) 2

TOTAL 42

BOWLING: Wilkie 3/8, Humphries 3/9, Williams 2/1, Bernard 1/22.

C GRADE TURF

ALTONA v. SPOTSWOOD IMPS.

Altona played Spotswood Imps. at Grant Reserve last Saturday with Spotswood winning the toss and deciding to bat.

Joe Mildenhall started Altona's attack with the aid of a very strong wind and bowled quite well for three overs, when he broke down with a leg injury.

Dick Conradi at the other end bowled into the strong wind and gave a very good performance to bowl right through the innings to finish with 6/45.

Michael Cahill, coming on in place of Mildenhall, appreciated the strong wind behind him and clean bowled J. Knight with a good ball in his first over.

ALTONA.—First Innings:

P. HUMPHRIES, c. b Cahill 20

WILLIAMS, b Cahill 14

G. HUMPHRIES, b Flett 0

HASTINGS, b Cahill 2

KENNY, b Cahill 3

WILKIE, b Cahill 5

BERNARD, c, b Flett 0

DUNNE, not out 3

ATKINSON, lbw, b Cahill 0

STEPHENSON, not out 0

Sundries (2nb) 2

TOTAL Eight wickets for 49

BOWLING: M. Cahill 6/26, Flett 2/20, Dern 0/1.

A GRADE TURF

WILLIAMSTOWN IMPS. v. ALTONA.

Williamstown Imps., winning the toss, elected to bat in hot, blustery conditions last Saturday at Fearon Reserve, Williamstown.

With an easy paced wicket, a lightning-fast outfield and short boundaries, Imps. could manage only 193 runs in 220 minutes.

Only through the efforts of Brian Tweedley, who scored a century, the Imps. were saved from a small total.

This innings was full of merit as Tweedley was the only batsman to master the Altona bowling.

Lance Cumming and John Duncan opened the bowling, the latter being handicapped as he bowled into a very strong wind.

Cumming bowled Doug Kellat for 10 and Rod Gray from the other end dismissed Ken Ward leg before wicket.

Peter Harsley followed, being caught by Jim Joyce off Cumming.

Coggins and Tweedley looked set for a big partnership, but Gray tempted Coggins and Graham Hosken took a well judged catch.

At tea the score was 4/132 and the Imps. appeared to be heading towards a huge total.

However, a bowling change brought Jack Dellar to the bowling crease and he dismissed Les Vines and Don Orr in the same over. The last three batsmen hung on grimly against the bowling of Dellar and Duncan. The latter was playing his first game with Altona's A Grade team and he bowled much better in this spell and collected his first wicket when Colin Mahon hit a catch to Ron McCullagh.

The innings closed at 9/193.

All bowlers must be congratulated on the fine efforts they produced on this lifeless pitch.

The fielding added much to the bowlers success as it was very tight and efficient all day, which made the batsmen struggle for runs.

Joyce and Gray opened the innings for Altona with 20 minutes left for batting. At this time the wind changed to the south-west, bringing with it a dust storm and rain. The batsmen appealed against the light as rain clouds obliterated the sun, but this appeal was dismissed.

Joyce was given out leg before wicket to Orr in his first over. McCullagh and Gray managed to hang on till rain washed out play.

A big score is anticipated by the Altona players next Saturday as this pitch assists stroke-makers, which primarily the Altona side is comprised of.

Tom Myers officiated at this game and his performance was very satisfactory.

W'TOWN IMPS.—1st Innings:

KELLET, b Cumming 10

TWEEDLEY, b Dellar 100

WARD, lbw, b R. Gray 15

HARSLEY, c, b Cumming 13

COGGINS, c, b R. Gray 24

VINES, lbw, b Dellar 6

ORR, b Dellar 0

HOMEWOOD, b Dellar 8

MAHON, c, b Duncan 7

GRIMMETT, not out 1

BARLAY, not out 3

Sundries 6

TOTAL Nine (dec.) for 193

BOWLING: J. Dellar 4/24, R. Gray 2/49, L. Cumming 2/68, J. Duncan 1/26.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:

JOYCE, lbw, b Orr 1

R. GRAY, not out 0

MCCULLAGH, not out 0

TOTAL One wicket for 1

B GRADE TURF

NEWPORT A.N.A. v. ALTONA.

Altona won the toss and batted first. A good start by Eric Milner (34) and Gordon Lewis (19) gave Altona an opening partnership of 50.

After that it became a procession and Altona were all out for 106 runs.

Newport A.N.A. were able to compile enough runs to lead by 25 on the innings, due to some bad fielding and dropped catches by Altona. The bowling honours for Altona went to Ron Cook, who took 3/16.

If Altona concentrate on their batting and fielding next Saturday there is every possible chance of pulling this game out of the fire for an outright win. Altona need an outright win to stay in the fight for a place in the final four.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:

MILNER, c, b Barker 34

LEWIS, b Kellam 19

GRASSBY, b Kellam 0

BIBBY, b Barker 15

KIRK, b Poleworth 3

CAMPBELL, lbw, b Barker 0

GOUCHER, b Dunne 7

COOK, c&b Barker 0

BRUCE, b Barker 0

MARTIN, b Barker 10

NORMAN, not out 6

Sundries 12

TOTAL 106

BOWLING: L. Barker 6/23, P. Kellam 2/17.

NEWPORT A.N.A.—1st Innings:

COWMEADOW, b Norman 13

DALRYMPLE, c, b Goucher 5

KELLY, run out 4

BARKER, c, b Martin 24

HUGHES, b Goucher 0

POLEWORTH, b Goucher 13

QUINN, not out 32

DUNNE, stpd., b Cook 15

MACKIE, b Cook 0

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Sundries 18

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BOWLING: R. Cook 3/16, D. Goucher 3/33, W. Norman 2/24.

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Saturday's stroke results from Koorlingal Golf Club are as follows—

A GRADE: K. Lefevre (7), 72 net.

B GRADE: P. Barclay (13), 71 net.

C GRADE: F. King (21), 68 net.

Last month's MEDAL REPLAY was won by F. Templeton from P. Oliver and R. Bailey.

Sunday's mixed foursomes events were won by the following—

BEST GROSS: A. Chisholm and Mrs. C. McDiven, 78.

BEST NET: A. Phipps and Mrs. Phipps, 65½ net.

BEST FIRST NINE: I. Skipworth and Mrs. Page, 28½ net.

BEST SECOND NINE: D. Reidy and Mrs. Rich, 33½ net, on a countback from F. Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe, and R. Fanner and Mrs. Fanner.

ASSOCIATES

Koorlingal Golf Club Associates 18 holes stroke results from Tuesday, November 29, are as follows—

GROSS: Mrs. G. McDiven and Mrs. M. Murphy, 95.

NET: Mrs. P. Dixon and Mrs. M. Dellar, 73.

PUTTING: Mrs. F. Heesh and Mrs. K. Collins, 30 putts.

NINE HOLES OUT: Mrs. E. Beamish and Mrs. G. Grundy, 31½ net.

NINE HOLES IN: Mrs. P. Miller and Mrs. P. Sharpe, 40 net.



Altona No. 1 89, defeated Aberfeldie 60.—E. Flynn, I. Probert, L. Walsh and J. Milliken: 24-20.

V. Sevier, E. Oliver, F. McDonald and M. Jacometti: 39-19.

J. Monkhouse, D. Gadsen, C. Ford and E. Martin: 26-21.

Altona No. 2 65, defeated City of Prahran 52.—J. McNeillage, V. Turner, M. Dowdell and P. Stephens: 25-15.

L. Cox, J. Douglas, A. Newton and V. Douglas: 18-26.

P. Gischnus, L. Pilcher, M. Woodyard and E. Beyer: 23-11.

Altona No. 3 66, defeated Brunswick 35.—W. Neal, M. Andress, M. Richardson and M. Bromley: 45-12.

R. Shaw, K. Bray, E. Thomas and I. O'Donnell: 21-23.

Birthday greetings this week to Jan Douglas and J. McNeillage.

The ROSTER for Saturday, December 3 is K. Bray, K. Critchley, E. Thomas, G. Thorneycroft and I. Mitchell.

Tennis Player Selected Again

Michael Kelly, Altona's top junior player, has again been selected to represent the Western Suburbs Tennis Association in the forthcoming junior interstate triangular tournament against New South Wales and South Australia, to be played at Albert Park on January 7 and 8.



Dear Sir,

It is to be hoped that Geoffrey C. Cresser's letter is youthful naivete rather than evidence of some tuition in political casuistry.

Of course it has been duly noted that the three councillors coming up for election in August have been permitted to vote, initially, against the rise, for the record only. Their colleagues still had the majority vote. The vote served also to postpone the rise until after the Federal Elections.

The question the ratepayers will ask themselves is, "Can we afford to support men on the council who, it appears, hadn't a clue as to the trend of our finances until shown by Cr. Crofts?" Their ignorance was evident in their programming and in their election promises, wherein they promised three swimming pools, an insurance scheme and a hospitals benefits scheme.

One record we will permit them is perhaps the steepest rise in rates in municipal history.

Yours faithfully,

H. V. JEAUVONS.



Altona Tennis Club

Teams

Altona Tennis Club senior and junior teams for Saturday, December 3, are as follows—

SENIORS

A Grade v. Liston-Esplanade, at Altona.—C. Trickey, M. Kelly and J. Kelly. J. Parkinson, L. Findlay and M. Harrington. (Emergencies: R. Turner and O. Kelly.)

A1 v. Maidstone, away.—R. Turner, C. Turner and A. Angus. P. Trickey, O. Kelly and B. Angus. (I. Harrington and S. Adcock.)

A2 v. Rosamond, away.—I. Harrington, B. Mellington and R. Walker. S. Adcock, G. Cronin and L. Hutton. (R. Newgreen and G. Thomas.)

B Special v. A.G.M., at Altona.—R. Newgreen, A. Pimpini and K. Walsh. J. Burke, T. Gunn and J. Spackman. (J. Trickey and G. Thomas.)

B Grade v. Liston-Esplanade, away.—G. Russell, D. White and J. Trickey. S. Morrow, J. Hill and S. Rose. (J. Grant, G. Findlay and C. Harrington.)

NOTICE

In future all players must play as named in teams.

JUNIORS

No. 1 Boys v. Sunshine V.R.I., at Altona.—Greg Findlay, John Trickey, Wayne Thomas and Rex Snowling. (P. Sawyer.)

No. 2 Boys v. Sunshine V.R.I., away.—P. Sawyer, T. Findlay, E. Valenti and E. Sanfilippo. (P. Court.)

No. 3 Boys v. Sunshine V.R.I., at Altona.—G. Crofts, E. Puhar, J. Rosenboom and L. Plecta. (M. Penfold.)

No. 1 Girls v. Maidstone, at Altona.—M. Orchard, J. Neale, J. Walker and B. Sandilands. (M. Keisel.)

No. 2 Girls v. Kingsville, away.—B. Walker, A. Rafferty, S. Keown and L. Smith. (J. Critchley.)

No. 3 Girls v. Footscray, away.—R. Webb, J. Findlay, D. Crofts and H. Shields. (Y. Robertson.)

FORMATION OF NEW SCOUT GROUP

Due to the large numbers of boys on the waiting list of the 1st Altona Scout Group, the District Association has decided to hold a public meeting at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Civic Parade, Altona, on Thursday, December 8, at 7.45 p.m.

The meeting will be addressed by the District Commissioner, Mr. Ralph Schutt, and the Association President, Mr. Dave Wills, who will explain what would be required with regard to the formation of a new group.

All parents of boys of scout or cub age who are interested in joining the new group are invited to attend.

TWO CANS FOR GARBAGE SHORTLY

Altona's household garbage collection service may soon be improved.

A decision may be made very shortly that TWO garbage cans up to 2½ cubic feet capacity, may be left and cleared each week instead of ONE.

The Altona Shire Council's staff and planning committee has recommended that the council's garbage collection contract with Mr. A. Lane be varied so that he will be paid for the collection of the extra bin.

The committee has recommended that the contract be extended to the end of September, 1968.

The council is at present negotiating with Mr. Lane over his price.

Mr. Lane's present price is 4.167 cents a week for each clearance of one can. He says rising costs have caused him to lose more than \$2000 a year on the contract and he is asking that the council pay him 4.5 cents.

For the two can clearance he wants a total of 7.5 cents for every household he visits—but the council's committee has recommended that he be offered 7 cents.

Bus Service Complaint

A row is brewing over the private bus service in Altona.

The Altona Shire Council has received a written complaint from the Democratic Labor Party.

The ratepayers are being "victimised," the DLP claimed. The council has decided to send a copy of the letter to the Altona Bus Lines, asking it for comment.

Action may be decided by the council later.

The DLP's letter is a further move among the many complaints about private bus services in Altona, voiced at the council's meetings.

The DLP letter read—

"At our last meeting, it was decided to approach the council regarding the Sunday bus service, which is run by the Altona Bus Lines, to see if something can be done regarding this problem either by direct contact with the bus proprietor, or the Transport Regulation Board. As will be observed in the latest time-table put out by the Altona Bus Lines, that the service on Sunday is still no better than it was eight years ago!

"Residents of Altona North, plus people living in the Sunshine area, controlling Brooklyn Migrant Hostel, who haven't their own transport, are having to wait until almost 2 p.m. before they can catch a bus down to Altona to enjoy the beach, or visit friends or any functions conducted within the centre.

"Then, consequently, they are

forced to return home not later than 5 p.m. from Altona.

"Surely not only is this an injustice, but the ever increasing ratepayers, etc., of this area are being victimised!

"It is apparent that the bus proprietor is able to put on three extra buses in the morning of the holiday time-table commencing at 9 a.m. from Altona, which is also a double-time day for his employees, similar to the Sundays, if this be his reason?

"Even if the buses were only to run from Altona as far as the Geelong Road and turn around it would be a form of advancement, and as the councilors will see, there is a great need for improvement in the Sunday bus service, whether it be an extra three buses in the morning, or also an extra bus after 5 p.m."

The council has also received another letter concerning bus routes.

The West Newport Bus Service wrote—

"We wish to thank the council for their support of our application to the Transport Regulation Board, and also advise that the hearing of this extension will not be before the new year, owing to Mr. Joiner's continued objection to this application."

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